

513th Plenary Meeting

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**DECISION No. 617
FURTHER MEASURES TO SUPPRESS TERRORIST FINANCING**

The Permanent Council,

Reaffirming that OSCE participating States have obligations and commitments to suppress terrorist financing, including under United Nations Security Council resolution 1373, the OSCE Charter on Preventing and Combating Terrorism and the Bucharest Plan of Action for Combating Terrorism,

Recalling its Decision No. 487 of 11 July 2002 on completing the Financial Action Task Force's (FATF) self-assessment questionnaire on compliance with the eight special recommendations on terrorist financing,

Noting close co-operation between the OSCE and civil society, in particular NGOs and non-profit organizations,

1. Calls on the OSCE participating States, which have not yet done so, to complete without further delay the FATF self-assessment questionnaire on compliance with the eight special recommendations on terrorist financing;
2. Tasks the Office for Democratic Institutions and Human Rights (ODIHR) and the OSCE Secretariat, in particular the Office of the Co-ordinator of OSCE Economic and Environmental Activities (OCEEA) and the Action against Terrorism Unit (ATU), to provide the OSCE participating States which have not yet complied with PC Decision No. 487, upon their request, with necessary assistance;
3. Decides that OSCE participating States should review the adequacy of their laws and regulations that relate to entities, in particular non-profit organizations and charities, that can be abused for the financing of terrorism;
4. Requests OSCE participating States to ensure that legitimate activities of non-profit organizations and charities are not restricted and that they cannot be misused by terrorist organizations posing as legitimate entities, exploited as conduits for terrorist financing, or for concealing the clandestine diversion of funds intended for legitimate purposes to terrorist organizations;

5. Recommends that OSCE participating States guide themselves by the FATF International Best Practices on combating the abuse of non-profit organizations, and take into account the technical study currently conducted by the FATF Secretariat regarding the implementation of the eight special recommendations and make appropriate adjustments;
6. Tasks the ODIHR and the OSCE Secretariat, in particular the OCEEA and the ATU, as appropriate, to promote the FATF International Best Practices on combating the abuse of non-profit organizations in the OSCE human dimension meetings, seminars, workshops and other relevant OSCE events, in particular those with NGO participation, as well as to study the possibility of organizing, in co-operation with FATF and other international institutions, special workshops for this purpose;
7. Encourages all OSCE Partners for Co-operation to implement this decision on a voluntary basis, including as a means of further interaction with OSCE in this field.

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Attachment

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**INTERPRETATIVE STATEMENT
UNDER PARAGRAPH 79 (CHAPTER 6) OF THE
FINAL RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE HELSINKI CONSULTATIONS**

By the Delegation of Turkey:

“The Decision we have just adopted on further measures to suppress terrorist financing addresses a very important aspect of combating terrorism. It is our conviction that cutting terrorist organizations’ financial resources should be made an indispensable part of our joint efforts in combating terrorism. However, suppressing terrorist financing is a broad concept and should not be limited only to non-profit organizations. For that reason, participating States should also attempt to deal with other means of terrorist financing based on the eight special recommendations on terrorist financing of the Financial Action Task Force.

I would like to request that this statement be attached to the Journal of the day.”